

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### OPPOSING EFFORTS TO CUT THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES AND THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 19, 2011*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, although we must fix the economic problems America now faces, we cannot afford to obliterate important programs that educate and expose our citizens young and old to American culture. Our minimal investments in the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts yield large community benefits and must be protected. For this reason, I oppose the severe cuts proposed to these key programs via the FY12 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies bill.

The programs supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, or NEH, benefit millions of Americans each year. Last year, NEH made over 1,200 grants totaling \$143 million that benefited communities throughout our Nation—communities big and small, urban and rural. For example, over 4,300 college, community college, and school teachers benefited from education programs supported by NEH. Almost 22,000 citizens from museums, libraries, archives, and historical organizations obtained training in appropriate preservation and ways to expand public access to humanities collections. Approximately 35 million people benefited from 24 television and radio projects funded by NEH that produced 88 broadcast hours of programming related to arts and humanities.

My State of Illinois and my Congressional District have received vital support from NEH funds as well. These funds allowed cultural institutions to leverage their dollars to educate the public more broadly than would have been possible without these funds. From getting a grant to help expand the Hull-House Museum to the Illinois Meaning of Service program that works with thousands of young people to help them understand the nature and rewards of volunteerism. An NEH grant is contributing to the digitization of the papers of Abraham Lincoln so that these important historical documents are available to the Nation, not just to those in driving distance of Springfield. My constituents rely on these programs for education and cultural awareness. Especially during hard economic times when travel and vacations are not possible, the programming supported by the NEH provides significant educational resources for Americans.

Cutting funds to NEH will negatively affect our citizens, not help them. It is a unique source of funding for a wide range of local non-profit institutions and organizations across the country. NEH has already experienced dramatic funding cuts; slashing this program more will directly curtail programs and projects in millions of communities for minimal deficit

reduction, which means jobs will be lost, services will be gone, and local communities will lose educational opportunities. So I urge my colleagues to oppose provisions that would cut the National Endowment for the Humanities or the National Endowment for the Arts any further.

**HONORING MR. MARK BUNGER, OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 19, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of retiring California Highway Patrol Officer Mark Bunker, for his outstanding service in Napa County, California.

Mr. Bunker was born on Travis Air Force Base in 1959. He attended Napa Valley College and Cavalry Chapel Bible School, and later obtained his Federal Aviation Administration Pilot's Certificate and graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy.

Mr. Bunker has been a dedicated member of the California Highway Patrol for 29 years, 24 of which he served in Napa County. He has also been honored with the position of CHP Flight Officer Golden Gate Division Air Operations Unit with the Napa County Airport and served as the Public Affairs Officer for the highway patrol from 1995 to 2001.

Having grown up in Napa, Mr. Bunker has a deep sense of community and has chosen to get involved in projects which would improve the lives of Napa citizens. One of these projects was a program called "Every 15 Minutes," which simulates alcohol-related driving accidents and their aftermath at high schools throughout the state. His other projects include "Lights for Life," a sobriety challenge, "CHiP's for Kids," a Christmas toy drive, a high school driving program at Sears Point Raceway, and a Child SafetySeat Program.

Mr. Bunker is well known in the Napa Valley community for his wit and sharp sense of humor. He is fortunate enough to be surrounded by his loving family and life-long friends. He and his wife of 26 years, Laura, currently reside in Napa. Their two children Rebekah, age 20, and Joel, age 18, are both currently attending college.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Mark Bunker for his decades of devoted service to the Napa Valley community on this day.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 64TH ONE WORLD DAY CELEBRATION**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 19, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 64th One World Day Celebration

held at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens at the Ukrainian Garden on August 28, 2011. This day of celebration also happens to fall after the 20th anniversary of Ukrainian independence which is August 24, 1992. The main component feature was the celebration of the presentation of the newly restored statue of Lesya Ukrainka.

Lesya Ukrainka was one of Ukraine's best poets and writers as well as a leading woman writer in Ukrainian literature. She was, in her short life, a significant political and civil activist for the freedom of Ukraine. This year happens to be the 104th anniversary of her birth in 1871 and the 50th anniversary of her statue's installation at the Ukrainian Garden.

Along with myself, several other dignitaries will attend and participate in the 64th One World Day Celebration such as President Paul Burik of The Cleveland Cultural Gardens federation, President Ihor Diaczun of United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio, Most Reverend John Bura DD of Eparch of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, Lesya Ukrainka Poem "Rondo" recitation by Christina Skabyk, President Marianna Zajac of Ukrainian National Women's League of America, and Professor of History Mary Hovanec at Cuyahoga Community College.

The restoration of the monument and the rejuvenation program of the Ukrainian Garden along with the program for this event was organized by the President Dozia Krislaty of Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 8, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 64th One World Day Celebration and the efforts of the people who made the time to collaborate and organize an event which commemorates the country of Ukraine and the efforts of its prominent political figure, Lesya Ukrainka.

**TINO ADAME RECOGNITION**

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 19, 2011*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I rise today to honor Faustino Adame, Jr. who is a dedicated community member and a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Born January 27, 1947 in French Camp, California to Faustino Adame and Lupe Gutierrez, Tino is the eldest of four brothers and one adopted sister. Tino is the proud member of a family of veterans. His Father and his brother Joe are Marine Corps Veterans, his brother Frank is an Air Force Veteran, and his brother Henry an Army Veteran.

As a young man Tino attended Jefferson, Roosevelt and Fremont Junior Highs before graduating from Franklin High School in 1965. He went on to attend San Joaquin Delta College before joining the Marine Corps at the age of 19 on January 18, 1966.

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